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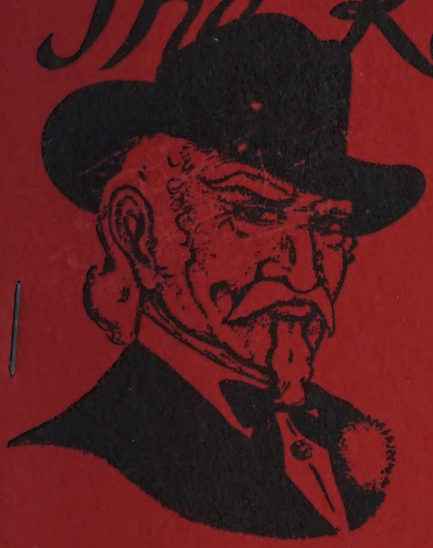

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KSB GETS NEW PRINCIPAL

Eric Stamm - Grade 10

Mr. Will D. Evans has assumed the duties of principal at K.S.B. He is a former student of this school and has served on the staff for sixteen years. He first came to K.S.B. in 1946 as a student. He later graduated from Atherton and K.S.B., receiving high school diplomas from both schools. He then attended Murray State College where he received his B.S. and M.A. degrees. He has also attended the University of Kentucky, University of Wisconsin, George Peabody College and Spalding College.

During the years 1957-65, Mr. Evans was the physical education teacher at K.S.B. For the next four years, he was our orientation and mobility instructor after which he took over the duties of dean of students.

The students and staff welcome Mr. Evans as our Principal.

NEW STUDENTS

One of the first things we ask when we get back to school is, "Who are the new students?" Here are their names. Maybe you will know some of them, or perhaps they come from your part of the state.

Melissa Evans (6)
Mt. Sterling

Chris Meckle (6)
Louisville

Wanda Gamble (7)
Louisville

Jerry Hibbard (8)
Louisville

Dwayne Moore (9)
Garrett

Doug Woodson (10)
Valley Station

Mary Jo Hackworth (13)
Grayson

Mary Jane Barnes (14)
Lexington

Dorothy Eubanks (14)
Lexington

Helen Elizabeth Young (14)
LaGrange

Kelsey Martin (15)
Mt. Sterling

Rhonda Sue Spurlock (16)
Oneida

CLASS NEWS

The first class meetings of this year were held on September 28, and the following people were elected as class officers:

9th Grade

President: Richard Barnhart
Vice-President: Cecelia Cain
Secretary: Mary Barnes
Treasurer: Mike Ward

10th Grade

President: Eric Stamm
Vice-President: Joe Martin
Secretary: Virginia Madden
Treasurer: Steve Robbins

11th Grade

President: Karen Deaton
Vice-President: Eddie Jones
Secretary: Wanda Ward
Treasurer: Brett Wilson

12th Grade

President: Doug Ward
Vice President: Loralee Wright
Secretary: Vicky Collins
Treasurer: Sharon Vanderlip

Wanda Biggs, our former recreation leader, is now attending the University of Michigan in order to obtain a degree in orientation and mobility. Recently, the girls in Merwin Hall received a letter from Miss Biggs in which she said that she is enjoying her work and expects to return next school year.

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Friday, September 21, a get-together was held from 7:30 to 10:30 in Gregory Gym. Our thanks goes to Mary Smith for sponsoring the party. It gave the students a chance to renew friendships and make new acquaintances.

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ELEMENTARY COOK-OUT

On September 19 and 20, the weather permitted a cookout and boating trip for the primary and elementary students at K.S.B. Each group left school at

4:00 p.m. and returned at approximately 8:00 p.m. of the same day. With Mrs. Smith and Miss Theriac, these students rode on a 16-foot motor boat and a 14-foot passenger pontoon boat. As time permitted, a canoe and houseboat were available for investigation. The thirty-six students seemed to agree that another trip is in order.

Thanks to Miss Flowers, Miss Burns and Miss Smith for their part in making the trip a success.

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LIBRARY OFFERS NEW SERVICE

Many of the adult blind, especially those in the Crescent Hill area, were delighted when they heard that the library would be open on Wednesday night during the summer. We are pleased to be able to tell you that this service will continue during the school year. Each Wednesday from 7:00 until 9:00, the library will be open and books may

be checked out. This is, of course, a walk-in service. The library does not have any facilities for mailing books.

Those of us who use the library extensively are very grateful to Mrs. Frey for giving her time so that people who like to read may come to the library, look over the catalogs and choose whatever books they like.

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RCA audio-receivers are being used in our classrooms as teaching aids. These units are A.M. - F.M. radios and TV sound systems.

Music, news, educational programs can now be heard in the classroom and be a part of the teaching program. Today's school must take advantage of all media in order to better educate our young people.

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Our boys track team went to Indiana this weekend and engaged in a double quadrangular meet. Although we came in last, we still achieved a great deal. For the first time in a long while, KSB scored points in a track meet. All told, we scored eleven points. We were happy to see many old friends and to meet many new ones. The students and staff wish to congratulate the team.

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This year the downstairs boys of Huntoon had an unexpected, and may I say, delightful surprise in store for them when they came back from summer vacation. The surprise was a new cottage parent. His name is Rick McDougall. He is twenty years old, six feet, four inches tall and lives in Lexington. He has worked at Kysoc as a counselor since 1967. Next semester, Rick is planning to attend Jefferson Community College, but he is still going to work here. Rick commented, "I really enjoy my work here."

The upstairs boys also have a new cottage parent. Mrs. Sara McKeirnan and her husband Jim live on campus during her duty hours as cottage parent. They also have an apartment off campus. "I am happy to be here," commented Mrs. McKeirnan. "The boys are interesting to work with."

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PTA NEWS

This year the president of our Parent-Teacher Association is Mrs. Linda Kuczwara. She comes from South Bend, Indiana, and has lived in Louisville for a little over a year.

She is a mother of three children, one of whom is attending KSB. Debbie Kuczwara is a student in the Primary department.

Mrs. Kuczwara will preside at the first PTA meeting, Sunday, October 21. She is anxious that there should be good attendance. The guest speaker will

be Jim Shaw, a former KSB student who is now attending college.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Music Department is offering two classes in music appreciation this year. These classes are taught by Miss Randles. The first class is made up of Junior high students and the second is comprised of high school people.

The last few weeks have been devoted to the study of how music began. We have also taken a look at "rock music" and some of its early stars. Folk music provides still another interest for these classes.

Miss Randles hopes that the class, by studying music in its various kinds, will develop an interest in it, and an appreciation of the joys and pleasures it can bring.

PIANO TUNING DEPARTMENT

Ed Jones, Charles Beisler and Steve Robbins are working hard to regain their tuning speed in anticipation of doing some of the school's pianos.

Ed Jones is reconditioning a piano that we hope will go to Patten Cottage in about two weeks.

Don Hill, Raymond Martin and Randall Haycraft are new in the department this year. They are studying the key board, the construction of the piano and doing unison tuning.

Mike Schoenbachler, Tim Potter and Leslie Riggs make up the second group of new students in tuning. These fellows are also studying the keyboard, tuning unisons and learning about the construction of the back of the piano.

Our third class of new tuning students are Mike Taylor and Ron Decker.

Ron and Mike are engaged in the same studies as the other beginners classes and seem to enjoy it very much.

In crafts, Scott Townsley has already completed an open seat chair frame this year. Mike Schoenbachler is working a foot stool. Dorothy Eubanks is just ready to turn up the sides of her basket. Dorothy and Emily Herrington have both finished leather belts and Eddie Parker lacks just another day or two and he will finish his belt.

One thing more about our department. We pull more strings than any other department on campus, if we can discount the kids who just fiddle around.

BAND NOTES

The band this year is divided into three main groups - the advanced band, intermediate band and the beginners.

Those who are beginning wind instru-

ments this year are Tim Jones, Debbie Broyles, Faye Cain, Gail Chandler, Kevin Pearl, Kelsey Martin, Brenda Day, JoAnn Stewart and Donnie Hayes.

THE SUZUKI VIOLIN PROGRAM

There are twenty-seven boys and girls in the Suzuki Violin program this year. There are seven beginning students: Melissa Evans, Wanda Gamble, Chris Meckle Jerry Hibbard, Charles Runyon, Dwayne Moore and Allen Preston.

The Suzuki consultant, Mrs. Sherry Hofmeister, comes three hours each Wednesday. All violin students practice daily on a floating schedule.

The first program scheduled for the violin students is October 7, at the Holy Trinity Church.

Several students will play for the first PTA meeting, October 21, and on November 2, at the Executive Inn for the

C.E.C.

Barbara Martin has been awarded a scholarship to a Suzuki Talent Education Class at the University of Louisville.

WKCR IS THE MUSIC MACHINE
Joe Martin - Grade 10
Program Director

In October of 1971, WKCR began broadcasting. At that time, the station was only broadcasting through the public address system for a short time after school Monday through Friday. Tom Scoggins served as program director until his graduation last June. Tom accomplished many things and this year, we hope to carry on his work and make WKCR better than ever.

This year, we broadcast from 3:00 to 5:30 with our new format, "Keep on Trucking." This means more music and less talk. Because of all the music we

play, we call ourselves the Music Machine. WKCR plays current rock, old rock and occasionally progressive rock.

In addition to the new music format, we plan to air student editorials, have contests, tell you about the happenings around KSB and fully cover all the school spirit. We hope we will have you as a listener, and we will do our best to serve KSB.

DEBBIE BROYLES TALKS OF GERMANY
Libby Williams - Grade 12

Twelve-year-old Debra Broyles, who has just returned to KSB, spent a year in Germany. We envy Debbie because she flew to and from Germany and was able to enjoy movies and other things of that sort on the plane.

While in Germany, she attended a public in Frankfurt. As a sixth grader, she took language arts, social studies, music and math in a class for blind children. Most of the teachers and

children were German, although they spoke English.

Debra reports that the weather was generally cooler in Germany than it is in Kentucky. Although she ate German food most of the time, it was good to have an occasional hamburger or coke.

Debra's father, who is in the service, was to stay in Germany for three years. However, her class was discontinued so her father returned to the states to enable her to get better schooling.

HOME ECONOMICS NEWS

Vicy Collins - Grade 12

As the school year begins, the classes in the Home Economics Department are working in a variety of different things. One class is taking a unit in family living, another, a unit in foods and still another, in work management.

Something new has been added. Two

classes are working in stitchery and the Home Ec Department is looking forward to a lesson a month, sponsored by members of the Stitchery Guild.

Also, the Red Cross course in Home Nursing, which is offered to juniors and seniors every two years, will begin on October 17.

THE NEW MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
Debbie Cheek

One day early in the summer, we took Snowball, our dog, to the vet. He needed a check-up pretty badly. The doctor said that he had heart trouble and wouldn't be living too long.

My Mother said that she wanted another dog when Snowball died so that we would have protection. I asked her what kind of a dog she would like. She said she wanted a collie or a German Shepherd.

One day, we went to my Aunt's house

on State Street. It was on a Friday night, September 7. On our way back home, we decided to get something to eat at the Convenient store. As we were getting ready to go in, we saw two people throw a small German shepherd out of a black stationwagon. When we came back out of the store, he was standing on the sidewalk looking sad. I said, "What a pretty dog you are."

As we were leaving, he got up and started to follow us home. When we got to the house, I let him in the gate and we took him inside the house. Snowball was happy to see the new guest.

My mother called lost and found at the WKLO radio station. They said we could keep him if someone just threw him out of a car.

We took him to the vet the next day to see if he had anything wrong with him. The doctor said that there was nothing really wrong with him, but he

looked like he hadn't been fed in two months. He needed a good meal and needed to gain some weight. You could see every bone in his body.

So we took him home. Now we have a dog to take Snowball's place when he dies. He was not a house guest anymore. He was the new member of the family.

1973-74 CHEERLEADERS SELECTED

The scene was the Paul J. Langan Physical Education Building. Present were ten athletically inclined girls awaiting their turn to perform two cheers.
The crowd was enthusiastic toward each girl's performance.

All faculty members present had the difficult task of selecting the seven cheer-leaders for the 1973-74 school year.

The points were tallied. The ten contestants were fascinated with the

thought that their names may be announced over WKCR informing them they were one of the seven lucky girls on this year's cheer squad. The following girls had the fortunate opportunity of hearing their names: Cecelia Cain, Shirley Cain, Karen Deaton, Valerie Evans, Virginia Madden, Theresa Ridner and Wanda Ward. The remaining girls were named as alternates: Mary Barnes, Tina Caldwell and Dorothy Eubanks.

In closing, we would like to say, "You did an extremely talented job. CONGRATULATIONS to you all. Now BLAST OFF for this year's cheerleading season!"

TRACK NEWS

Saturday, September 29, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana competed in a track meet held at the Indiana School for the Blind. It was the first four-way meet ever to be held between girls.

KSB has thirteen girls on the team this year, but only ten participated in the first track meet. The results of the meet were as follows: Fifty-yard dash: Third, Karen Deaton, Fourth, Wanda Ward, 5th, Virginia Madden. Seventy-five-yard dash: Third, Wanda Ward. Four-forty tandam: First, Wanda Ward and Virginia Madden, Fifth, Theresa Ridner and Shirley Cain. Standing broad jump: Third, Virginia Madden. Hop-step-jump: First, Madden, Fifth, Ridner. Thre-consecutives: Madden tied for First, Fourth, Ward. Softball: First, Karen Deaton. The final team standings were: Indiana, First, Kentucky, Second, Michigan, Third and Ohio, Fourth.

We are looking forward to our meets with Ohio, October 5, and the 13th of October with Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky at KSB.